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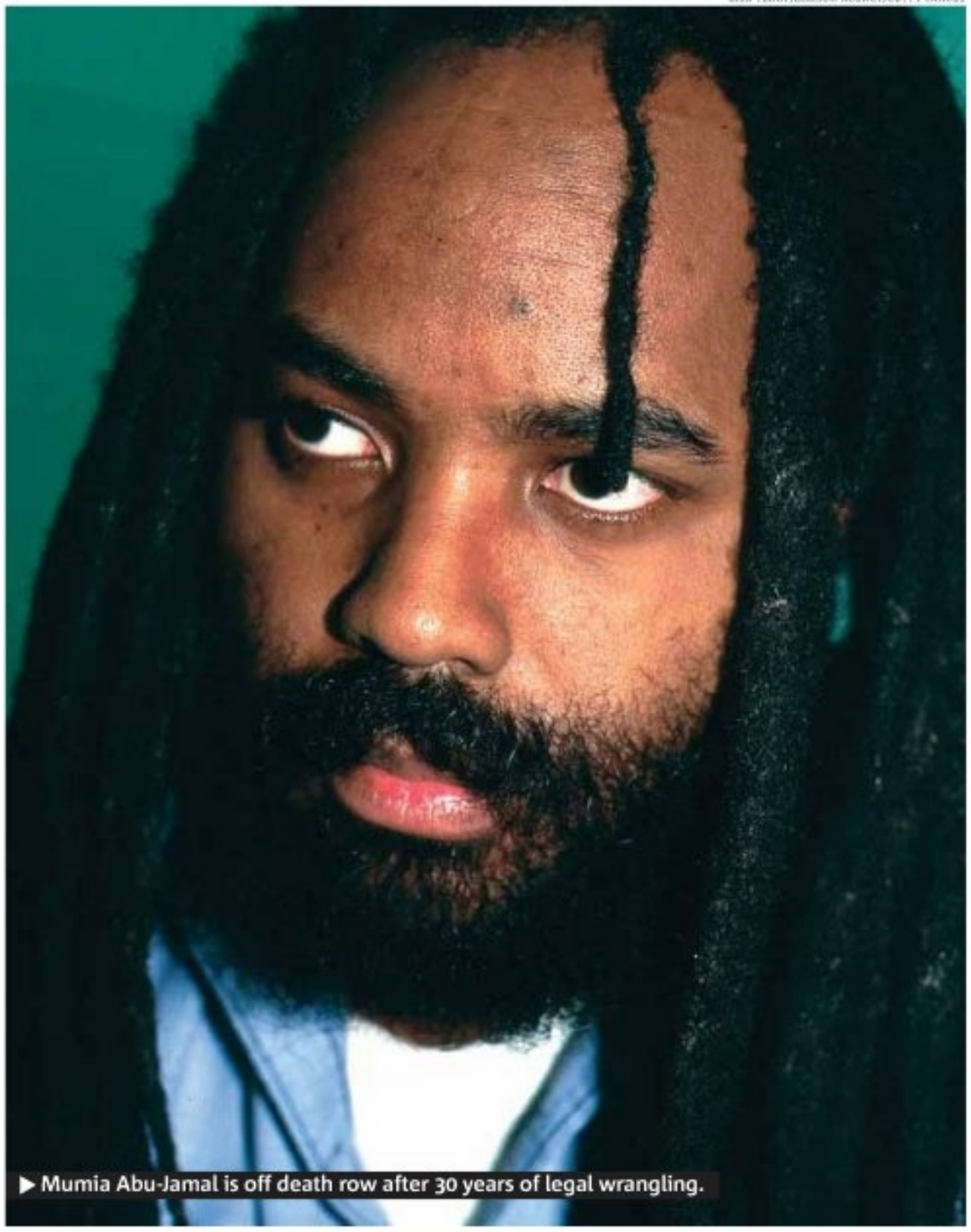

▶ Mumia Abu-Jamal is off death row after 30 years of legal wrangling.

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Prosecutors finally rest on Mumia fate

- DA Seth Williams says new sentencing hearing would only add to cause
- Life sentence will be imposed after 30 years of debate, court appeals

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▶ Abu-Jamal supporters have only increased since the controversial 1981 conviction.

After 30 years of litigation, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams announced that his office would not continue to pursue the death penalty against convicted cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal, in part because of the futility of the death penalty process in Pennsylvania.

"The death penalty is a fiction in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Williams said, noting that only three people, who each gave up their right to appeal, have been put to death since it was reinstated in 1976 and that there has not been an execution since 1999. "It's unfortunate that federal courts have intervened and have made a mess out of this process."

Abu-Jamal, convicted of gunning down Officer Daniel Faulkner, became an international celebrity due to claims of his innocence. He will serve life in prison without the possibility of parole, which supporters partially applauded.

"I see this as a great halfway victory, but halfway justice is not really justice," said local defense attorney Michael Coard. "It's a great step in the right direction, but it's only a step. What we have been seeking all along is a fair trial."

Though Williams said the "extremely difficult" decision was made after considering the potential impact of a new sentencing hearing on Officer Daniel Faulkner's surviving family members, Coard countered that Williams' choice had more to do with damaging facts that could potentially come to light, should he move forward.

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Avoiding platform

Both sides agreed on two points: a new trial would give supporters a platform and the state's death penalty is largely a myth.

"The dirty little secret of the death penalty in Pennsylvania that nobody wants to come to grips with is that, since it was reinstated in 1976, hundreds of death sentences have been handed down by juries," Faulkner said, claiming they were subverted by opinionated judges.

"The system is doing what it should do by dotting every 'I' and crossing every 'T' before they kill a person," Coard countered.

The end?

Prosecutors were reluctant to call the decision a defeat, instead emphasizing that it brought closure to a long and painful saga.

- "He operates a cottage industry in prison" that feeds the support Abu-Jamal receives. "All of this has taken an unimaginable physical, emotional and financial toll." – Maureen Faulkner
- "I think the person that will be most upset by this decision will be Jamal himself and all who profit from his celebrity." – Williams
- "Being in prison for the rest of one's life without parole is no picnic. For us to think this is some kind of victory for Abu-Jamal is not true. – Prosecuting ADA Joe McGill

In the news

Week of festivities

Mayor Michael Nutter and Camden Mayor Dana Redd today will announce regional plans for a weeklong celebration around New Year's Eve and discuss the economic impact. SugarHouse Casino will again sponsor fireworks at 6 p.m. and midnight on New Year's Eve.

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Father Judge reopens

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA. Father Judge High School will reopen for students today after additional testing yesterday confirmed that the building is safe.

City health officials declared the facility safe on Tuesday, but school officials opted for more testing by an independent firm. Both groups have been unable to figure out what caused dozens of people to experience eye and skin irritation during a cheerleading competition at the school Sunday, but they insist the hazard no longer exists.

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Sandusky jailed on new charges

Two additional victims claim they were sexually abused by former coach as boys Bail set at $250,000

New charges were filed yesterday against former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky after two additional victims came forward, prosecutors said.

Sandusky, 67, is now charged with sexually assaulting 10 boys in all. He was arrested at his State College home and preliminarily arraigned before District Judge Robert E. Scott, who's been specially assigned to the case.

According to the grand jury, Victim 9 met Sandusky through a camp organized by Sandusky's Second Mile charity when he was 11- or 12-years old.

▶ Sandusky

Victim 10 was referred to the organization in 1997 when he was 10.

"As in many of the other cases identified to date, the contact with Sandusky allegedly fit a pattern of 'grooming' victims," Attorney General Linda Kelly said in a statement.

The sex acts with Victim 9 occurred in a swimming pool and Jacuzzi at a State College-area hotel, according to the grand jury. Victim 10 recalled incidents in a swimming pool on the Penn State campus and an encounter in a car when Sandusky allegedly exposed himself and requested oral sex from the boy.

Sandusky is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Tuesday on the original charges. Some of the alleged victims may testify.

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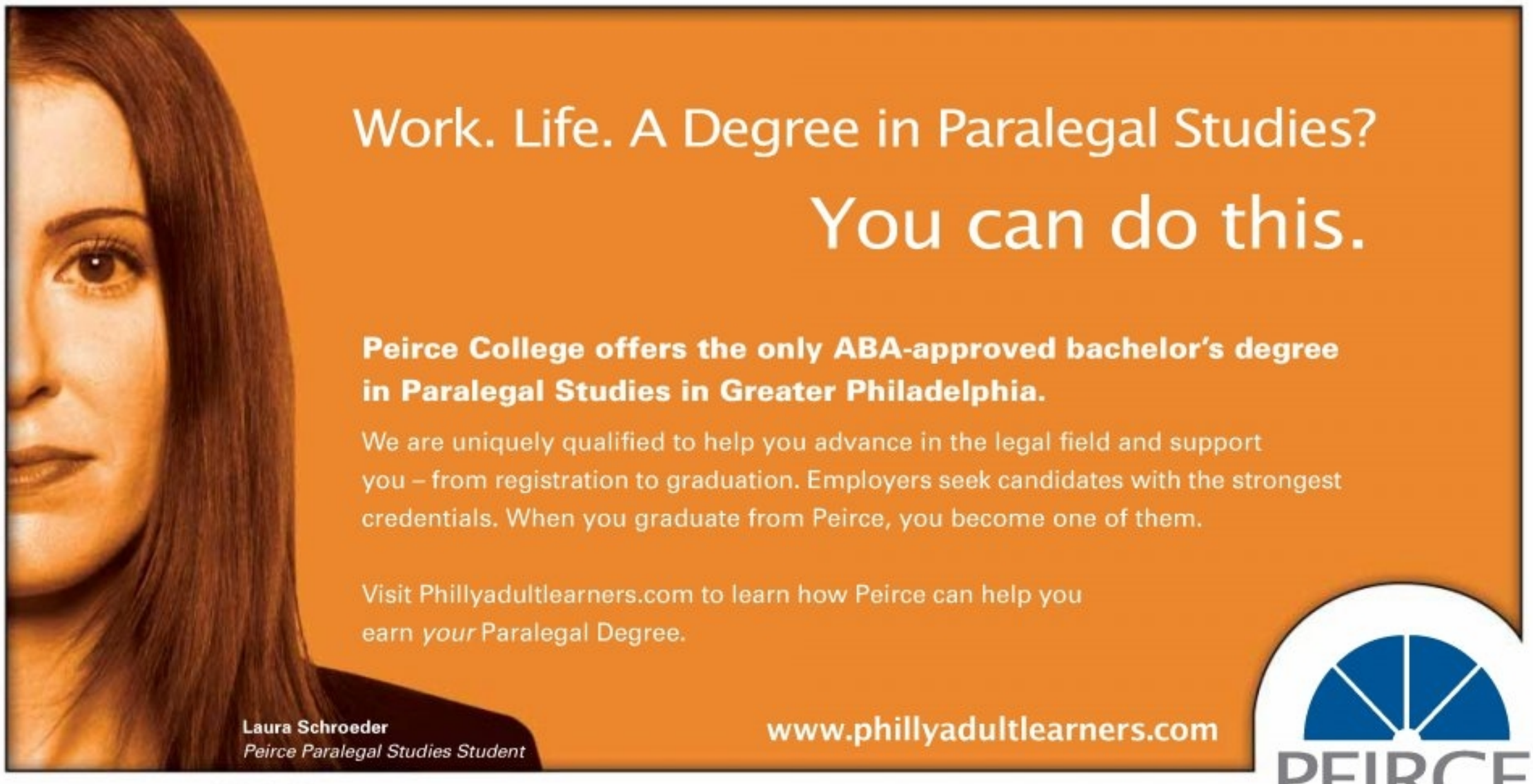
Weather. Rain

▶ Pedestrians walked under a constant rain yesterday.

The wettest year continues

A constant rain yesterday was expected to turn into light flakes early this morning as winter weather moves into the area. The forecast also calls for temperatures to drop into the 40s for the rest of the week. The tree lighting ceremony at Love Park was rescheduled for today due to the precipitation.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Mosaics artist working on grand exhibit space

◗ Plans to convert South Philly warehouse in early stages ◗ Space could feature a 'mosaic labyrinth'

Forty years and countless mosaics after Isaiah Zagar started putting his indelible touch on South Philadelphia and Center City, the artist is in the midst of one of his grandest ideas.

Zagar, 72, is raising money to convert a warehouse at 10th and Watkins streets in South Philadelphia into an exhibit and performance space for art lovers and tourists. Ellen Owens, the executive director of Zagar's Magic Gardens on South Street, said the project requires "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in support and is currently in its early stages. The 10,000-square-foot space currently houses hundreds of Zagar's art works.

"Everything he's done so far is from his own pocket," Owens said. "He bought the building in 2004. ... Isaiah's dream for that space is the bottom floor — it's a multi-floor warehouse — is a mosaic labyrinth and upstairs a performance area as well as a place to exhibit works."

The project is reportedly a few years away.

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▶ Mosaics already cover the outside of the warehouse.

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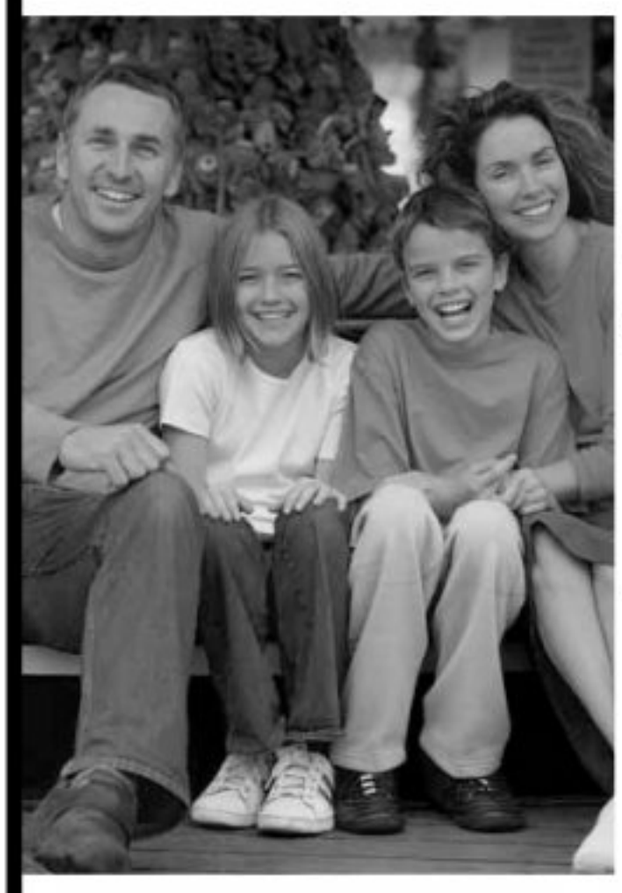

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▶ Stealing candy for the kiddies this year? Think outside the bar.

This year's hottest gifts — to shoplift

- Retailers expecting big losses to thieves this year
- Some unexpected targets: Steaks and razor blades

Shoplifting is not one of the ways we recommend to save money. But this year, one in every 11 shoppers will shoplift when opportunity strikes.

According to AdWeek, retailers expect to lose around $119 billion in pilfered goods this holiday season — which is not only a five-year high, but also up 6 percent from 2010.

Experts say that the economic climate's pallor of desperation will lead to need-based shoplifting. Indeed, only 3 percent of shoplifters are "professionals" who will make a buck, while 70 percent of them are amateurs who didn't plan their crime.

It seems like a given that iPhones are on top of this year's wish list of complimentary products, but AdWeek brings our attention to equally popular (but much more surprising!) victims of holiday theft.

Some runners-up to the top-three list (left): filet mignon, designer clothing and sneakers from brands such as Tommy Hilfiger and Nike.

Top three thefts

1. **Axe body sprays** and washes are one of the most shoplifted products year-round.
2. **Replacement razor blades,** especially for more expensive tools such as the Gillette Mach 4, can cost up to $23.
3. **Let's Rock Elmo,** the newest animatronic noise-generator, is one of Toys R Us's hottest toys of the season. It's going for anywhere from $40 to $99.

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AT&T rated lowest again

NEW YORK. The latest Consumer Reports customer satisfaction survey found that AT&T is the least-loved telecom firm for the second year running. According to Paul Reynolds, electronics editor for Consumer Reports: "Our survey indicates that subscribers to prepaid and smaller standard-service providers are happiest overall with their cellphone service." ● METRO/BS

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011

Steve Jobs is miles ahead in nominations as Metro's Man of the Year. Meanwhile, Gabby Giffords and TV reporter Lara Logan received further backing yesterday. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 9. E-mail mwoty@metro.us.

Blago gets 14 years for corruption

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich yesterday was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for political corruption including attempting to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by then president-elect Barack Obama.

Blagojevich, who turns 55 Saturday, must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence — or about 12 years.

He was convicted of seeking jobs and campaign contributions in exchange for state government action. Blagojevich, a Democrat who was ousted from office in 2009, had asked U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel for mercy, saying he was "unbelievably sorry."

Zagel said before sentencing that he accepted Blagojevich's apology, but "it comes too late." Zagel disputed the defense theory that Blagojevich was misled by his staff.

"The governor was not marched along the criminal path by his staff," Zagel said. "He marched them — and ruined a few of their careers." REUTERS

In action

He was also convicted of attempting to shake down the head of a children's hospital to get campaign cash for authorizing an increase in doctor reimbursement fees.

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Anniversary. 70 years

Honoring Pearl Harbor

U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta stands in the rain and salutes after a commemorative wreath was placed at the U.S. Navy Memorial statue in Washington yesterday on the 70th anniversary of the 1941 Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, that killed more than 2,400 U.S. servicemen.

News in brief

No charges for ex-'Cuse coach

SYRACUSE, NY. Former Syracuse University basketball coach Bernie Fine cannot be charged under New York state law for allegedly fondling two ball boys even though investigators believe the accusations to be true, District Attorney William Fitzpatrick said yesterday.

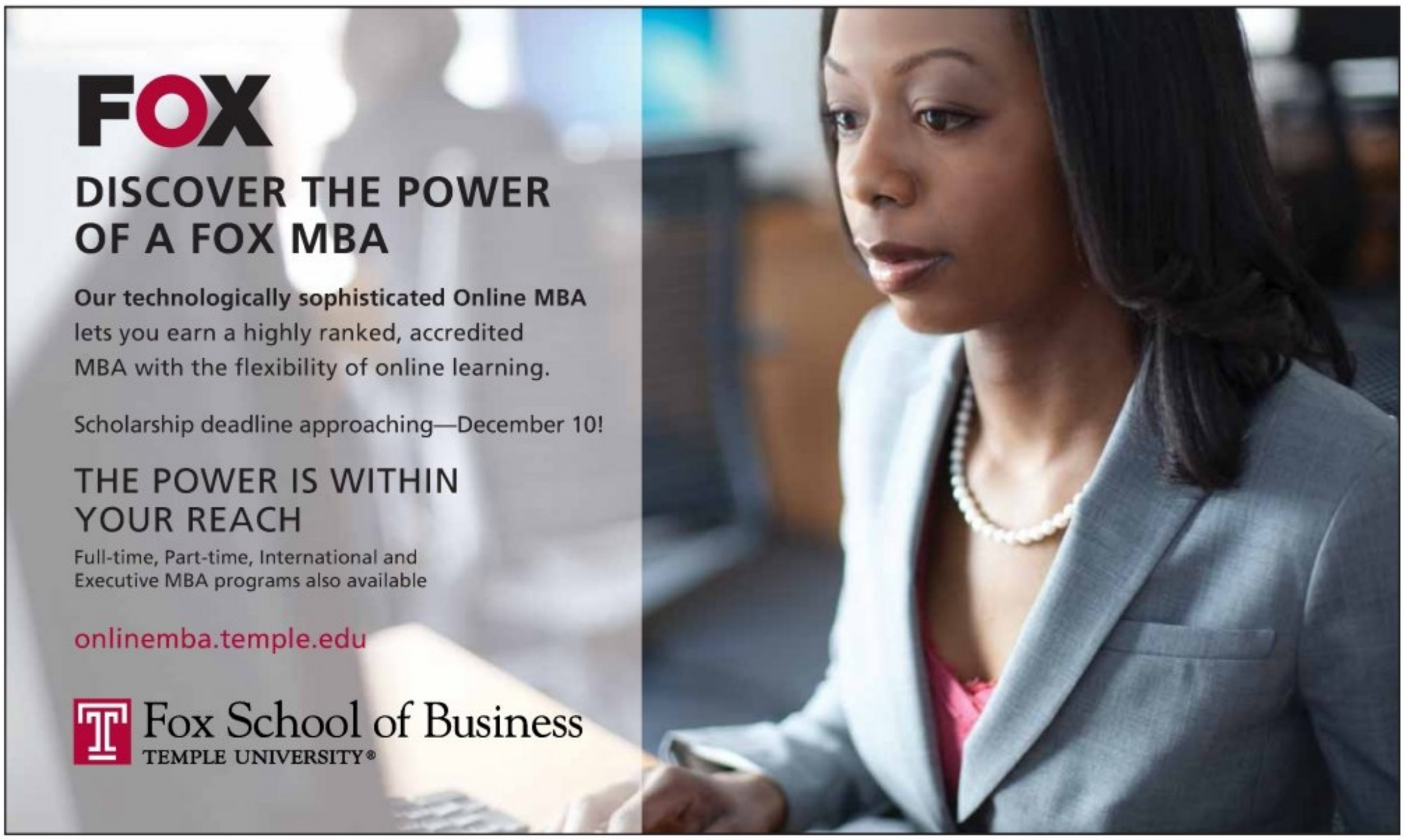
Fine cannot be charged because the statute of limitations in New York state has run out, Fitzpatrick said. It requires victims to come forward within five years of their 18th birthday. REUTERS

BP faces more citations

WASHINGTON. BP was hit with five more safety citations from the U.S. government yesterday, while it also received the latest legal salvo from a major contractor, as it continues to deal with fallout from last year's massive oil blowout in the Gulf of Mexico.

The explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig in April 2010, which killed 11 workers and spewed more than 4 million barrels of oil into the Gulf, has sparked a slew of lawsuits and federal citations against the companies involved.

Halliburton Co. yesterday filed a legal challenge to BP's allegations that it had destroyed evidence of its cement work on the Macondo well. REUTERS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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Whitney Cummings has strict holiday standards, Eddie Izzard is getting his exercise, Kathy Griffin is angling for some time with Justin Bieber and Thomas Lennon is rethinking the classics.

▶ **@Whitney Cummings:** The more tape you use to wrap a present the crazier you are

▶ **@eddieizzard:** I've now run barefoot for 6 days in a row. Feet are complaining and getting stronger at the same time

▶ **@kathygriffin:** Since I'm nominated 4 a GRAMMY 4 my comedy album "50 & NOT pregnant" don't u think my GRAMMY date should b @JustinBieber??

▶ **@thomaslennon:** "she's got legs and knows how to use them" is not that great of a compliment.

Today in awkward divorce stories

▶ Moore, Kutcher

All of those A-list celebs going through divorces? Things are getting awwwkward!

First up in cringeworthy separation stories: While **Demi Moore** was having dinner with a friend at a private club in West Hollywood recently, she couldn't help noticing soon-to-be ex-husband **Ashton Kutcher** dining nearby. "She approached his table," a source tells Us Weekly. "He gave her a hug, and they spoke for a few minutes." The source describes the couple's chat as "polite" but "very awkward."

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DOROTHY ROBINSON'S WORD BLOG

At least it wasn't as bad as what went down recently with **Jennifer Lopez** and her soon-to-be-ex-husband **Marc Anthony**. Anthony apparently refused to shoot his Latin reality TV show "Q'Viva" with Lopez because of her new relationship with 24-year-old backup dancer **Casper Smart**. A source told Star magazine: "Marc and J.Lo had a tense conference call when she was in Morocco. Inevitably, their discussion boiled down to her new boyfriend (Smart) and Marc made the decision not to work with Jennifer last week as a result."

Call me crazy, but maybe everything can be described as "tense" when you work with someone with whom you are going through a contentious divorce.

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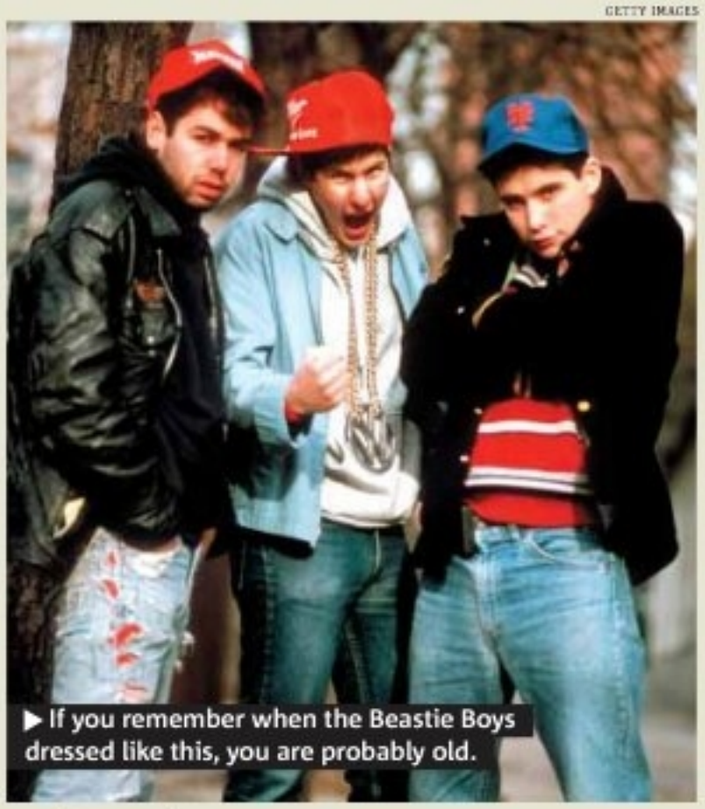

▶ If you remember when the Beastie Boys dressed like this, you are probably old.

Give it away now

The announcement of the Rock and Roll of Fame's class of 2012 is a wake-up call of sorts for Generation X. The **Beastie Boys**, **Guns N' Roses** and **Red Hot Chili Peppers** all were fresh-faced in the '80s, became superstars in the '90s and are now being crowned with legendary status — and probably making a lot of people reading this right now feel very old. Those bands are among a group of performers that also include **Laura Nyro**, **Donovan** and **The Small Faces**. The induction ceremony will take place in Cleveland in April.

Talking points

Baldwin doesn't fly the friendly skies

▶ Baldwin

Alec Baldwin claims he was kicked off an American Airlines flight for playing the Scrabble-like game Words with Friends on his phone. "Flight attendant on American reamed me out [for] playing [Words with Friends] while we sat at the gate, not moving," the actor posted to Twitter. Baldwin was eventually removed from the plane and forced to take another flight. But some sources say it wasn't as simple as all that. Other passengers claim Baldwin was also talking on the phone, and he reportedly became "violent and aggressive" toward the airline staff, according to Hollyscoop.

Lohan to talk to Ellen

▶ Lohan

Lindsay Lohan is looking to unveil her Playboy spread on daytime television, as she's chosen **Ellen DeGeneres'** show for her only magazine-related interview, according to Hollyscoop. "Lindsay has agreed to do one media interview and has chosen Ellen," a spokesman for the magazine says.

Downey can't shut his trap

▶ Downey

Robert Downey Jr. and his wife, **Susan Downey**, are going to be welcoming a son early next year. "We're having a boy," the star tells Jay Leno during an interview. But that's about all he's allowed to say, he admits: "I am not permitted to discuss it. I keep dropping the ball everywhere," he explains. "[Susan] says, 'Don't tell your cousins,' and then I tell them." Downey adds that he doesn't see another go at fatherhood doing anything to cool the hot streak his career's been on. "Life is good. Maybe I ought to think about slowing down a little. But I can't see that happening in the short term," he says.

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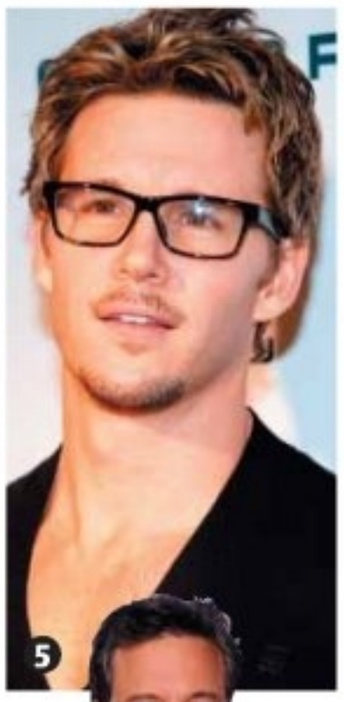

Why should women have all the fun in the spotlight?

1. Wiz Khalifa and Snoop Dogg performed at the Electric Factory in Philadelphia on Tuesday.
2. Matt Damon greeted his fans as he left the "Late Show With David Letterman" at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City on Tuesday.
3. Will Smith attended the 2011 Holiday in the Hangar to benefit the Garden of Dreams Foundation at Delta Terminal 2 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City on Tuesday.
4. Yankees veteran Derek Jeter attended the launch of the Limited Edition Movado BOLD Watch at the Bloomingdale's in New York City on Tuesday.
5. "True Blood" star Ryan Kwanten (nice glasses!) attended the G-Star Los Angeles Denim Store Opening at the G-Star Rodeo Drive Store in Beverly Hills on Tuesday.
6. Colin Firth attended the premiere of "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" at the Arclight Cinerama Dome in Hollywood, Calif., on Tuesday. The film, which was nominated for a Golden Lion at this year's Venice Film Festival, is due this Friday.

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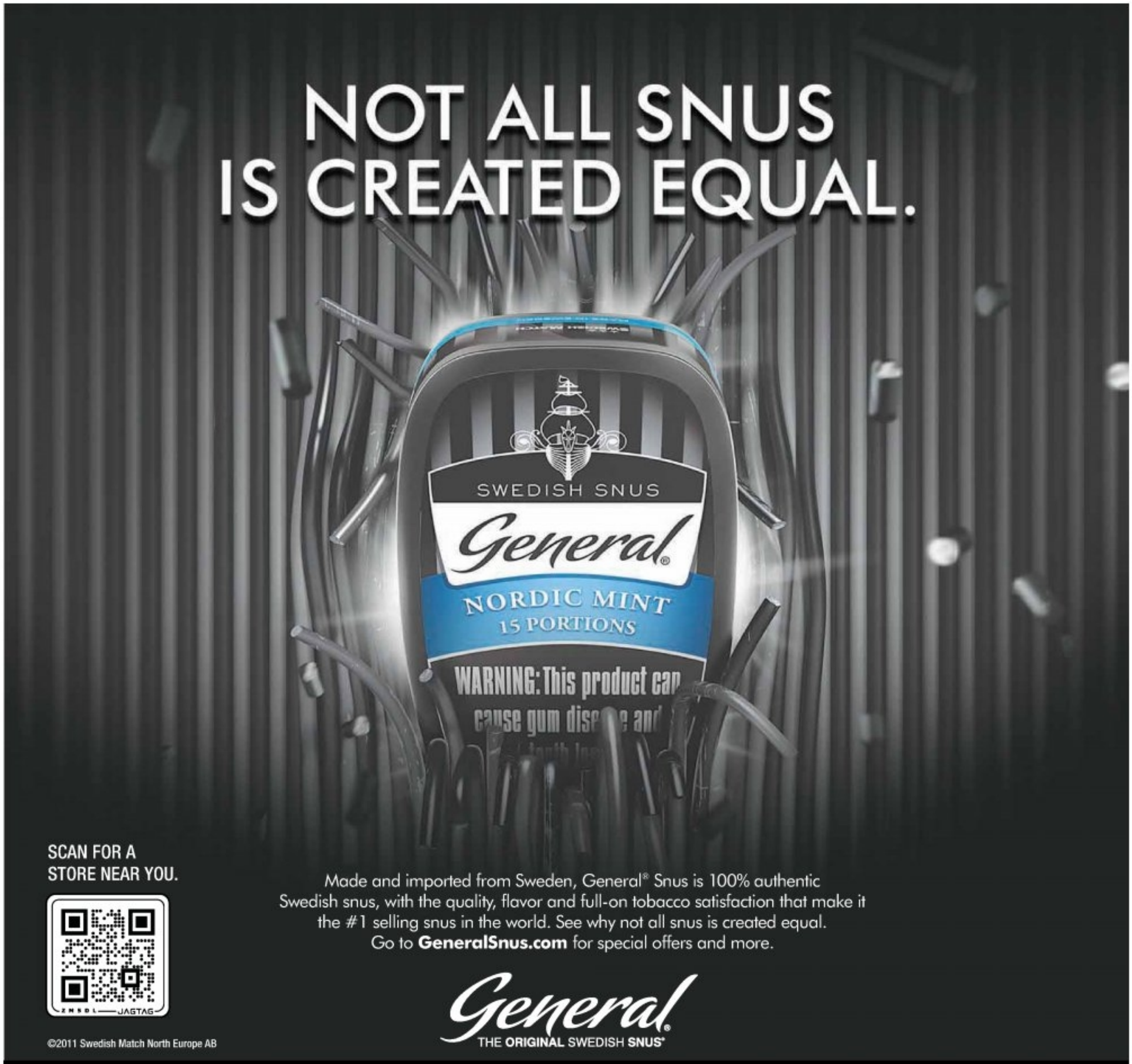
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10 Reasons why you'll want to get to a movie theater this weekend

2 'The Sitter'
Jonah Hill stars as Noah, a college dropout who gets suckered into babysitting three unruly kids. Mayhem ensues when Noah attempts to score some cocaine for his casual hookup, played by Ari Graynor.

3 'Shame'
In artist-turned-director Steve McQueen's second film, Michael Fassbender plays a sex addict who has no trouble seeking out ways to satisfy his lusts — until his sister drops in for an extended stay.

4 'The Muppets'
The Muppets reunite to save the old studio that was home to the show that brought them fame.

5 'Arthur Christmas'
Just how does Santa get all those presents delivered in one night? With a S.W.A.T. team of elves of course! "Arthur Christmas" answers all the burning questions you've ever had about Claus and the gang.

6 'Hugo'
Martin Scorsese's venture into family film makes sense when you realize it's primarily about real-life filmmaker Georges Melies and his life after creating some of the first films ever made.

7 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1'
All eyes are on Mr. and Mrs. Cullen as mortal Bella and vampire Edward tie the knot and, you know, "break a headboard."

8 'Happy Feet Two'
The dancing penguins are back with an impressive list of celebrities giving voice to those little folks who are trying to stave off a threat to their home.

9 'The Descendants'
George Clooney stars as a Hawaiian land baron coping with his wife's comatose state after a water-skiing accident. As he takes on the parental duties, he also finds out some shocking details of his wife's secret life.

10 'Immortals'
Tarsem Singh has a fun romp on his hands with this tale of a man (Henry Cavill) chosen by Zeus to fight against King Hyperion's quest to find a weapon of mass destruction. METRO

Must-see

PHOTO BY ANDREW SCHWARTZ

▶ Jon Bon Jovi and Lea Michele rock out in "New Year's Eve."

1 'New Year's Eve'
The director that brought you the ensemble comedy "Valentine's Day" last year turns his eye toward the night that everyone is inevitably disappointed by.

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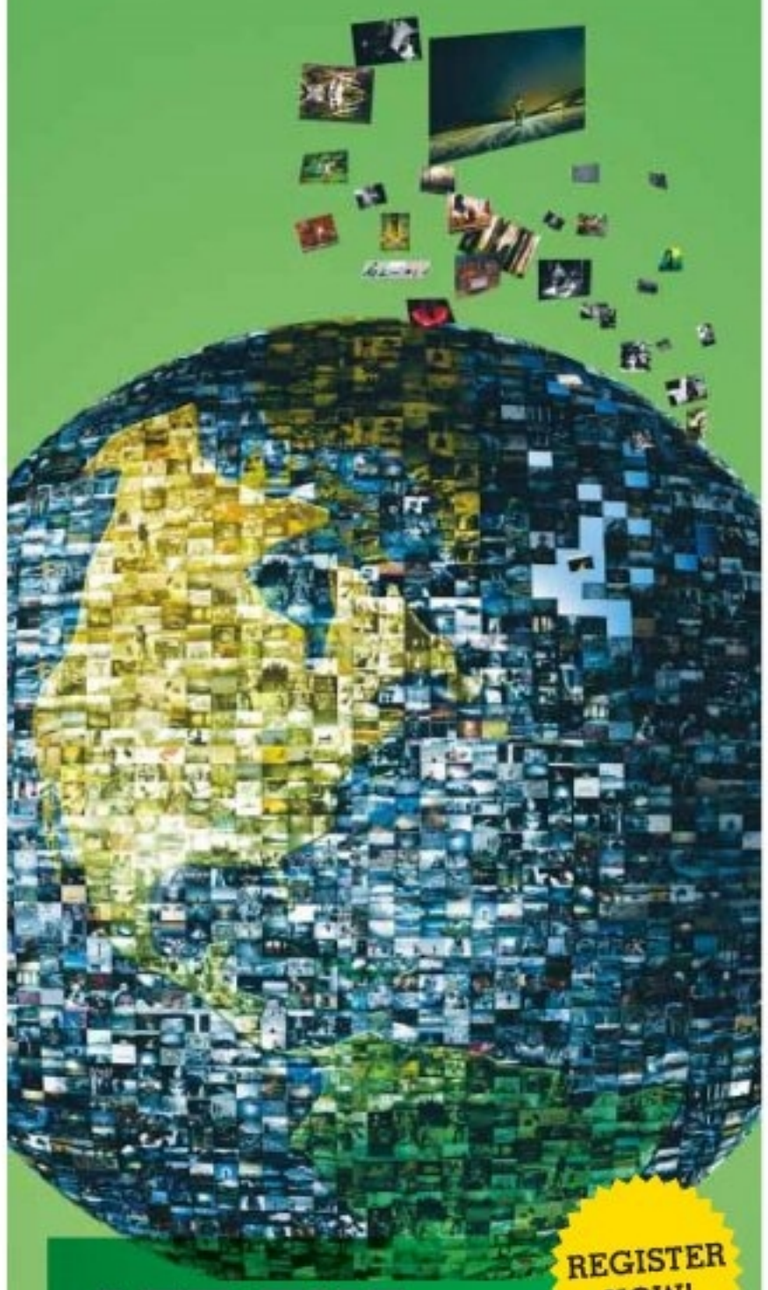

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TV watch list

'Community'

COMEDY. When the study group is recruited by the school's choir director to sing in their holiday show, they turn it into a lampooning of "Glee." **8 p.m., NBC**

'The Office'

COMEDY. Andy tries to grant everyone's wishes. Which will inevitably turn awkward if/when Dwight wishes Andy out of the manager position. **9 p.m., NBC**

AMBER RAY

Party time

- 'Tis the season to embrace sequins and shine!
- Say so-long to 2011 in one of these festive frocks

"I think for the office party, women should just dress fun — but not too sexy. A jumpsuit is really comfortable, chic and feminine. I love this navy one [right]. I'd pair it with really high Mary Janes or leopard-print booties, a little leather motorcycle jacket and stacks of jewelry." REBECCA TAYLOR

Office parties are tricky affairs — you want to let your hair down, but still mind the fact that the higher-ups are watching. We check in with Rebecca Taylor, a master at stylish, ladylike looks, for her input on the perfect outfit for the night.

1. Rebecca Taylor jumpsuit, $325, www.rebeccataylor.com
2. Bisou Bisou One-shoulder Lurex Dress $60, www.jcp.com
3. Ramy Brook Sequin Short, $295, www.ramybrook.com
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▶ Siggy Flicker's "Why Am I Still Single?!" airs Sundays at 11 p.m. on VH1.

Siggy Flicker wants to help you find love

- Looking for a date to bring to all those holiday parties this year?
- Matchmaker Siggy Flicker of VH1's 'Why Am I Still Single?!' has advice

Siggy Flicker knows there's another popular TV matchmaker out there, but she'll be the first to tell you that that's where their similarities end.

"I am the opposite of the Millionaire Matchmaker," Flicker, the star of VH1's "Why Am I Still Single?!" says. "She annoys the hell out of me. First off, I was married to a millionaire. I left all that behind [when I] got divorced in search of chemistry and love. And I found it with a car salesman. I don't believe in [excluding love] to just the Millionaire's Club. There's nothing more than important than chemistry, and if you're gonna limit yourself on who you love by judging the size of his wallet, you're gonna end up single for a very long time — which is why the Millionaire Matchmaker is still single."

We got Flicker's top tips for meeting the man or woman of your dreams.

▶ **Be open to love:** "If you watch somebody walking out of an office building today, they're usually on their iPod, on their cell phone, on their BlackBerry — I say first of all, look up. There is no specific place to meet somebody. Stand tall and open up your eyes to your surroundings. It's all about the energy you're giving off."

▶ **Break your routine:** "Go out at least twice a week. It should be more important than your full time job. What's more important, money or love? I say love. So twice a week, go out. It doesn't have to be to a bar — a bar is my least [recommended choice]. Get out of the bubble."

▶ **Let go of unrealistic expectations:** "Nobody's ever come to me and said, 'Siggy, can you set me up with a fat slob who sits on the couch and doesn't work?'" says Flicker. "We all want the same thing, but when you limit yourself to what the physicality of somebody is, you're shutting so many doors. I went on date after date until I found the lid to my pot, which turned out to be a bald car salesman who I'm in love with."

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Choose your wingmen wisely

▶ "If you're single, do not go out with other singles. Why [allow for] competition? Go out with your friends who are married or in healthy, committed relationships. Take somebody who's on your side, who's gonna help you seal the deal."

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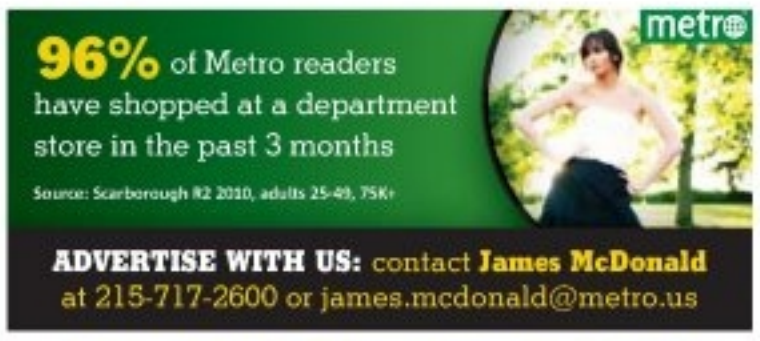
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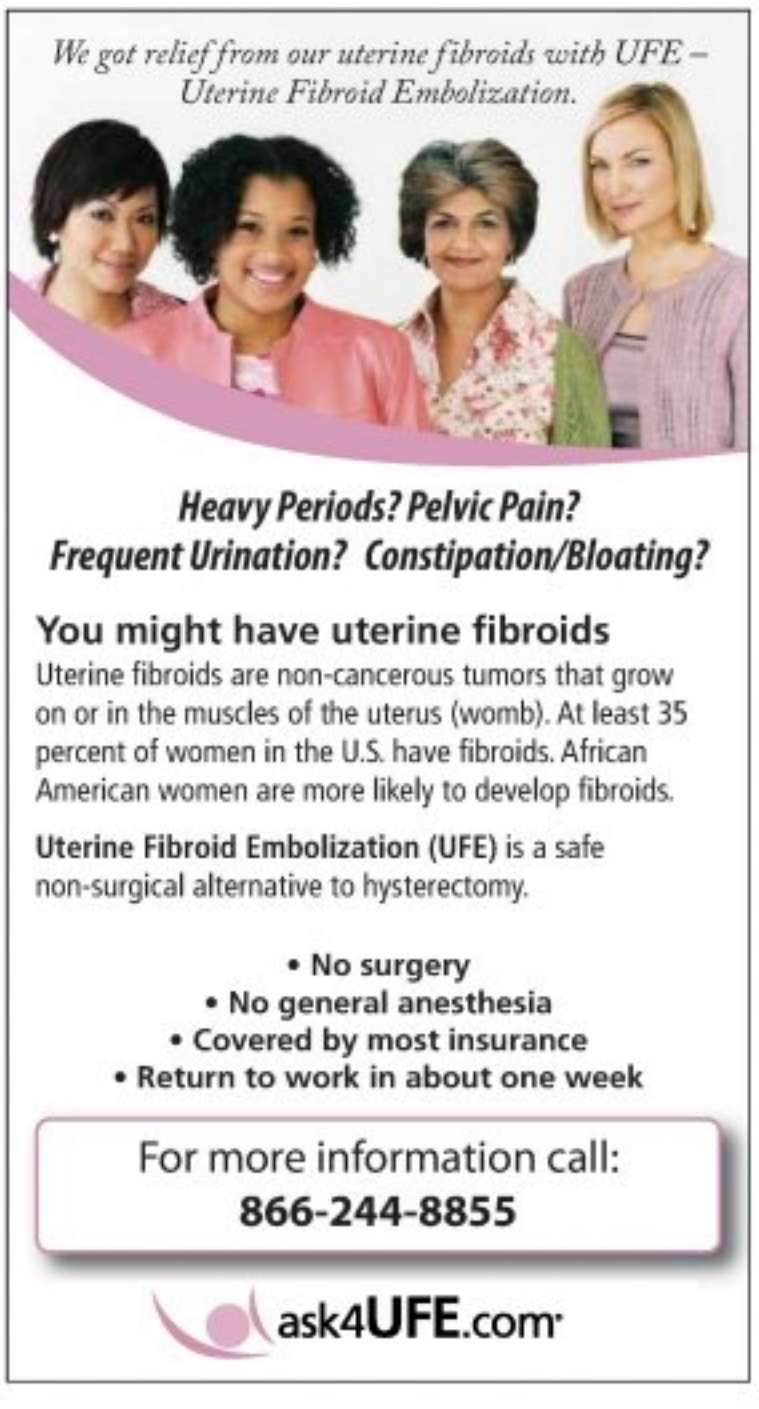
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Pearl Harbor before swine

I read your paper every morning on my commute. I find it quick and easy to read, but I must say that I am a bit upset that there was not one mention of Pearl Harbor on the anniversary of one of the most horrifying days in our country's history. Yet there is a half-page article on JWoww's perfume. Sad if this is what our country has come to!

DAVID M. DE SANTO, VIA E-MAIL

Shame on Metro for not mentioning one single word in today's print and online edition about the 70th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It seems that people like Alec Baldwin, Lady Gaga and Jessica Simpson are viewed by your staff as being more important than the men and women of our armed forces.

GEORGE H. CLOSS, VIA E-MAIL

Min. wage is unsustainable

RE: "UNEMPLOYED? HERE'S WHY ...": Mr. Haugen claims the current minimum wage, a grand $7.25 per hour, "has simply made it too expensive for employers to hire people." I have to presume this is satire, as that is the single most ridiculous thing I've read outside of the daily comic strips.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

You know all these people talking about minimum wage are not being paid minimum wage! Before you can talk that talk, you got to walk that walk, which I know — and you know — you can't. You wouldn't be able to pay rent and buy food and clothes getting paid like that. People like to be paid according to the middle class way of living and you can't do that on minimum wage!

WILLIAM DIXON, VIA E-MAIL

We do not all love Sir Lucas

RE: "WE ARE ALL MADE OF SAME STUFF": However, some of us think the first Star Wars trilogy is given way too much credit.

NICK CANTON, VIA E-MAIL

Super solution to nation's debt

Too bad the government doesn't refinance their debt. The interest per year right now on $15 trillion-plus is $452 billion. Why not refinance with the Federal Reserve at .01 percent, the same rate the Federal Reserve is giving its best customers the banks? That's a savings of $450 billion per year — $4.5 trillion over 10 years. Gee why didn't the super committee think of that one? DAVID SNIECKUS, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Tried and true procedures may not be the best ones to follow any longer. If you hear about something better, don't hesitate to discard old ideas in favor of new thinking.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You're likely to be more effective later in the day, after you've had time to study an important matter, than you will be in the early hours.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If your early efforts fail to bring you the success you're seeking, don't be a quitter — try, try again. Perseverance can really pay off.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There is a good chance that the advice you get from your mate might be vastly superior to any counsel you receive from outsiders, even from those who have impressive credentials.

♈ Arles **March 21-April 19.** Agreeing to do something for another merely to get that person to do something for you in return could be an exercise in futility.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** The only consideration you should have is to make sure you're moving in a positive direction. Even small gains can be good, as long as they get you closer to your goal.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be sure you have all the facts and figures at hand before defending an unfamiliar position. If you don't readily have them at your disposal, wait until you do to take action.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** There is nothing wrong with curiosity, because it does have its place when employed constructively. However, don't misuse it by prying onto somebody else's private affairs.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Instead of paying for needed services or advice, first try to figure things out for yourself. If you probe a little, you may find that you already have the answers at your disposal.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Adhere to proven procedures and methods in all work-related matters. Experimenting with unproven or untried procedures could be a career hazard.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't hesitate to warn a friend about someone who does not have his or her best interests at heart, even if the adversary is likely to hear about it.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you've made a commitment you now regret, try to rectify it immediately instead of disappointing the other party at the time when you're expected to honor your pledge.

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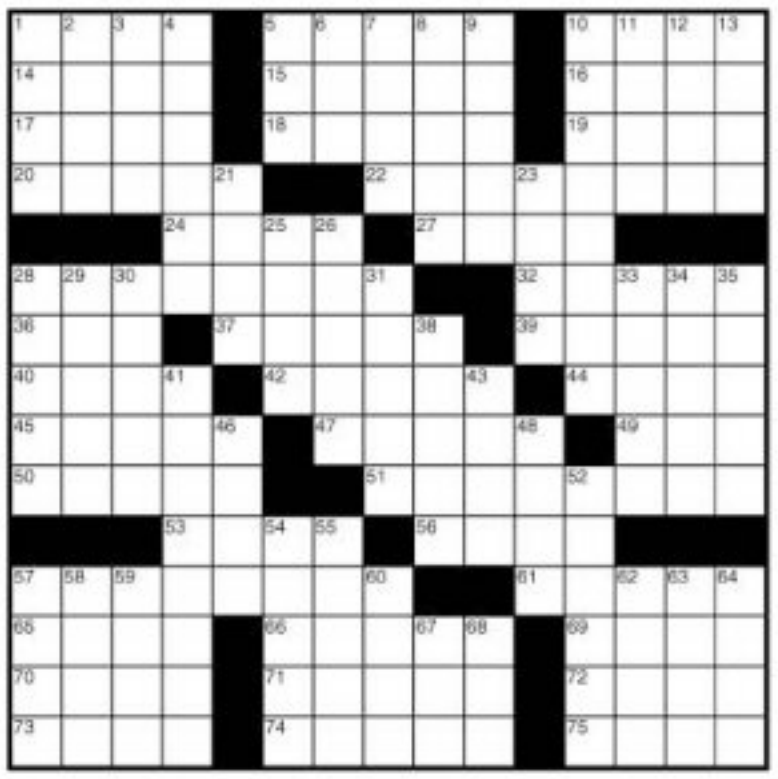

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These picks will impress your opinionated mother, artsy girlfriend, fashion-obsessed best friend and cooler-than-thou little sis

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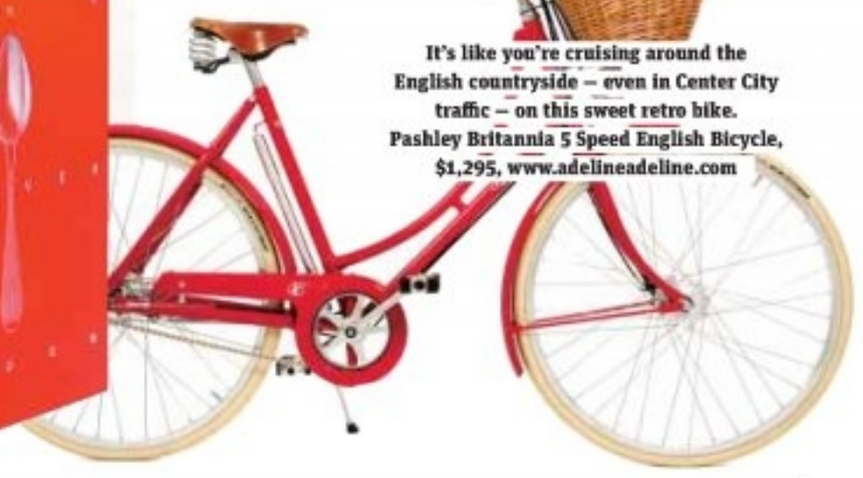

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food

A fish out of water

American Sardine Bar isn't interested in courting the foodies, and they have no reverence for the Philly cheesesteak So crazy, it works

▶ A sardine sandwich is only one of the unexpected dishes at American Sardine Bar (1801 Federal St., www.americansardinebar.com).

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When South Philly Tap Room owners John Longacre and chef Scott Schroeder opened their new Point Breeze bar and restaurant, American Sardine Bar, on the day before Thanksgiving, their message was loud and clear — they'd be going against the grain. That same spirit, along with a mischievous sense of humor, is also apparent on the sandwich-centric menu.

To go along with the name, and the massive Leo Razzi sculpture of a sardine can hanging above the entrance, there's a $2 sardine sandwich topped with mayo, mustard, pickled eggs and onion. It's small, and meant to be washed down with one of 16 beers on tap. But it's not the only oddball dish.

"It's kind of a f— you to foodies," Schroeder says about the Krab Cake Sandwich, which is made with imitation crabmeat. "It started off as a joke — like a stoner's guilty pleasure snack — but then we thought it would actually be cool to make it. I knew we'd get a lot of s— for it being imitation crabmeat, but I kinda like that. It also tastes really good."

▶ Can do: ASB's entranceway sculpture.

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Schroeder's also hearing it from Philly cheesesteak diehards because of another dish — the Pittsburgh Cheesesteak, served with creamy coleslaw and a fistful of french fries thrown on top. "I thought it would be funny," says Schroeder. "You don't really need to eat for a while afterward. It's a gut bomb."

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Coming soon

While there's currently seating available on the first and second floors, Longacre and Schroeder intend to expand the second floor entertainment to include live acoustic and jazz music performances.

"We want to create something that stands apart from South Philly Taproom, and that is more of a neighborhood bar than another gastropub," says Schroeder about the more casual, playful scene. "We want to keep it fun and different."

Eat up

What's inside?

The bulk of American Sardine Bar's menu is made with fresh ingredients from local farmers. Debuting this week, says Schroeder, will be grilled broccoli with a beer, cheddar and charred jalapeno sauce.

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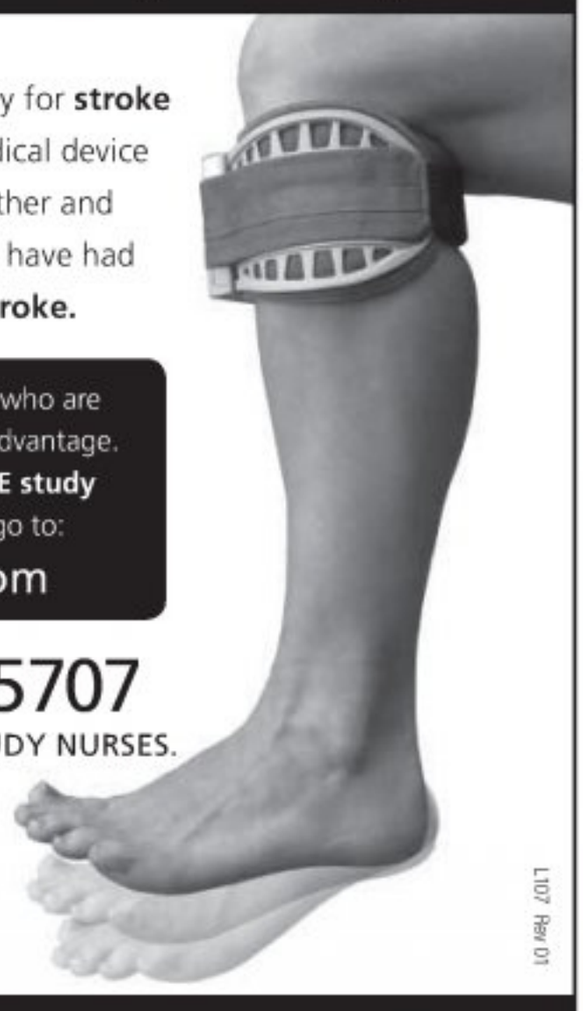

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A new shade of City and Colour

Dallas Green talks about going to 'Little Hell' and back How he digs into his life to write personal lyrics

The cover art for City and Colour's latest album, "Little Hell," may be a colorful illustration of tulips in a Dutch field — but there are much darker themes in the words within.

The indie folk instrumentation is decorated with Dallas Green's lyrics, which largely touch upon the personal aspects of his life. Although his past two albums have also held intimate details of his problems or parts of his relationship, "Little Hell" has tracks that deal with previously untouched material such as insomnia and depression, and songs such as "O' Sister" and "The Grand Optimist" that deal with family issues.

"All of my records are pretty much the same as far as the honesty and lyrics," Green says, "so I think that because this has a few songs on it that deal directly with my family members, people assume it's more personal than the last."

It's hard for listeners not to assume that, with lyrics like "Does it have something to do with the pills they gave to you?" in "O' Sister," which delves into Green's thoughts on his sibling's depression.

▶ A somber look on Green's face reflects lyrics of "Little Hell."

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For Green, who was formerly the singer for Alexisonfire, his third album as City and Colour marks a chance to let loose and create music that felt right and reflected his own life.

"I just wanted to make it all about whatever I wanted it to be," he says. "There's a bunch of songs on the record that have a full band, and there's even some louder songs on the record. I didn't want to suppress all those ideas I had just because people have a certain idea of what City and Colour should sound like."

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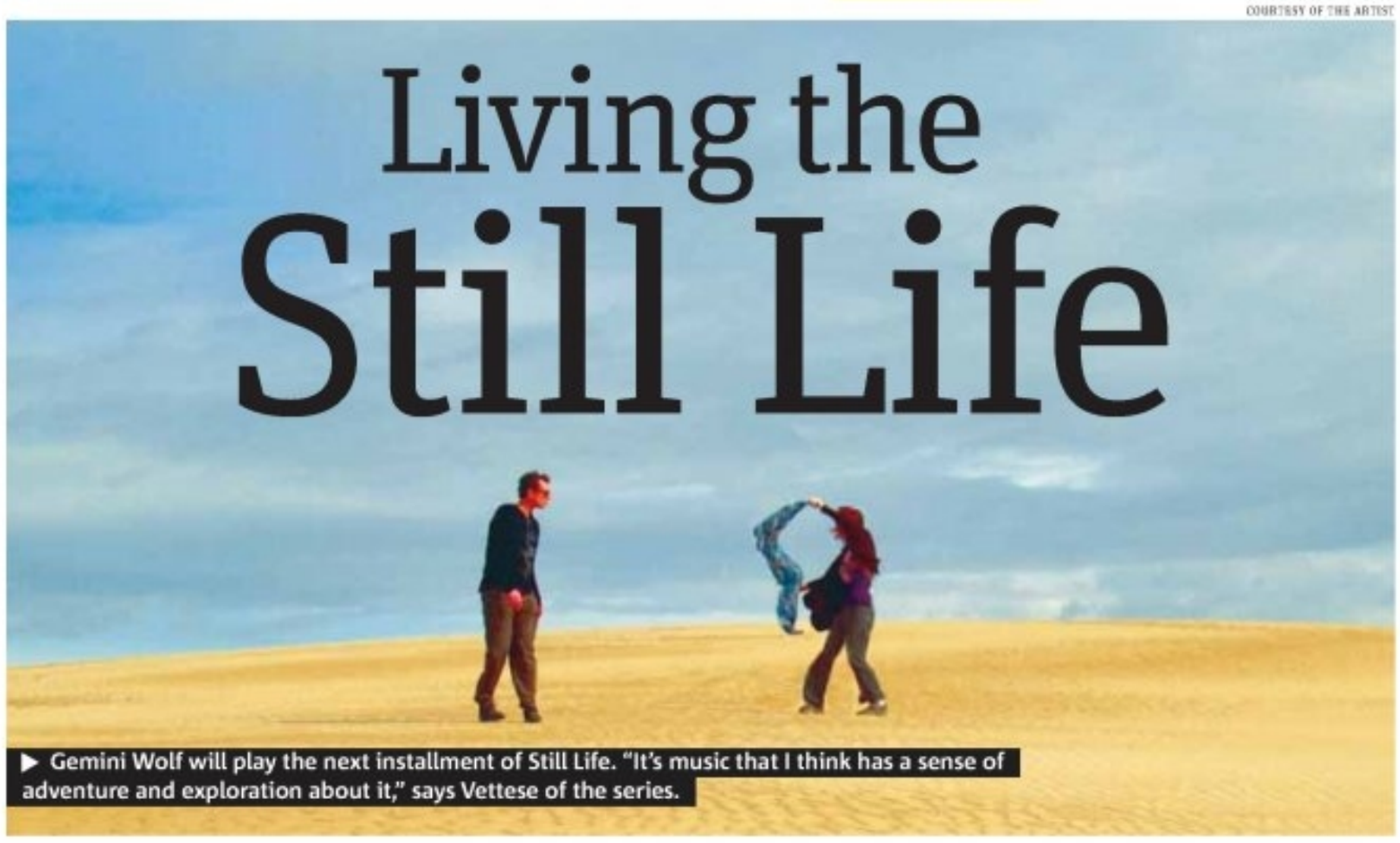

▶ Gemini Wolf will play the next installment of Still Life. "It's music that I think has a sense of adventure and exploration about it," says Vettese of the series.

It's not easy being an ambient artist in a rowdy club that's ready to rock New music series is giving the genre a little space to breathe

Every band that's ever played an opening slot has paid its dues in front of hostile crowds, lumped onto a bill that their music simply doesn't fit. That situation is at least doubly uncomfortable for ambient and experimental musicians, whose use of concentration and silence can't hope to drown out unruly, impatient audiences.

John Vettese hopes to avoid that situation with his new, bi-monthly "Still Life" series. "I've been going to shows for a number of years, seeing musicians playing in weird settings with three other bands that sound nothing like them," says Vettese, a local music journalist and DJ. "I wanted to create something that brought these styles to a more accessible space."

▶ Gina Ferrara is part of this weekend's lineup.

Vettese defines Still Life's musical palette broadly as encompassing ambient and experimental music, name-checking influences from Brian Eno to Sigur Ros. After debuting in October at the First Unitarian Church, it returns this Friday with Eno-esque ambient soundscape artist Tadoma (aka Data Garden Records' Joe Patitucci), experimental dance duo Gemini Wolf and Gina Ferrara, who melds acoustic percussion with electronics, keyboards and samplers.

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Get the Led Out
Friday, 8:30 p.m.
$23, The Electric Factory
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Yelle
with Housse De Racket
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
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VNV Nation
with Straftanz
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
$25, The Trocadero
www.thetroc.com

The Devil Wears Prada
Saturday, 7 p.m.
$20, The Electric Factory
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The Dead Milkmen
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Kung Fu Necktie
www.ticketweb.com

Wreck the Halls
featuring Street Dogs
Sunday, 7 p.m.
$14, The TLA
www.livenation.com

Craig Morgan and Phil Vassar
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
$30-$40, Keswick Theater
www.keswicktheatre.com

Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr.
with the Homophones
Tuesday, 9 p.m.
$12, Johnny Brenda's
www.johnnybrendas.com

Screenings

'The Hangover Part II'
Monday, 8 p.m.
$3, The Trocadero
www.thetroc.com
Movie Monday gets extra rowdy with this week's booze-fueled feature. Doors open at 6:30, and if you get there before 7, you win a free beer and popcorn.

Shopping

The Punk Rock Flea Market
Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
$3 entry, 461 N. Ninth St.
www.r5productions.com
Part craft market, part straight-up funky flea market, this series' holiday edition will also include a record fair. Not included: crushing mall anxiety.

Food and Drink

The Onion Society for Beer Enjoyment
Tonight, 5-8
Johnny Brenda's
johnnybrendas.com
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Sixpoint Beer Brunch
Saturday and Sunday
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
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www.garcestradingcompany.com
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Oh Land plays Union Transfer tonight.

THE RUNDOWN

Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week

Twelve Nights of Christmas Cocktails
Tuesday through Christmas Eve
Square 1682
www.square1682.com
Need a little shopping inspiration? Pop in this Center City lounge — their festive menu counts it down with specialty cocktails ($7 each).

Joe Sixpack reading
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Free, Central Library
www.freelibrary.org
The Philly beer writer — aka Don Russell — discusses his latest book, "What the Hell am I Drinking?". The event is followed by a pay-as-you-go tasting at Kite & Key (1836 Callowhill St.).

CASINO LISTINGS

Atlantic City

Music

Olivia Newton-John
Friday, 9 p.m.
Caesars Atlantic City
$55-$85, 609-348-4411
www.caesarsac.com

Anthony Hamilton
Saturday, 10 p.m.
House of Blues in Showboat
$30-$50, 609-343-5700
www.showboatac.com

Kenny G.
Saturday, 9 p.m.

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▶ Olivia Newton-John

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
$40-$80, 609-441-5786
www.harrahsresort.com

Handel's 'Messiah'
Sunday, 7 p.m.
Stockton Performing Arts Center
$8, 609-652-9000
www.stockton.edu

Family

Brunch with Santa
December 9-15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Atlantic City Country Club
$15-$30, 609 236-4421
www.caesars.com
A professional photographer will take pictures of the kids with Santa while the family enjoys a Sunday brunch.

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Winter Wonderland
Saturday, 1-4 p.m.
Atlantic City Convention Center
Free, 609-347-5428
The afternoon will include magic shows, moon bounces, face painting, arts and crafts and more.

'Cirque Polynesian' Holiday Show
December 9-15
Resorts Casino Hotel
$25, 609-340-6300
www.resortsac.com
Polynesian warriors, fire-eaters and hula dancers will perform, along with Cirque acrobats.

Sports

Cage Fury Fighting Championships
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Resorts Casino Hotel
$60-$150,
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Vick makes up mind, ready to finally let it slide

Eagles QB claims he's done taking unnecessary hits Vows to go down when he's out of running room Will wear protective padding Sunday

His teammates say they've told Mike Vick a million times.

Slide, Mike, slide … we don't need those extra one or two yards.

Yet, it took a pair of broken ribs for the Eagles quarterback to finally heed their words of wisdom. Vick said he is done being a superhero — unless there is a first-down marker to be reached.

"I'm sliding from here on out, I'm getting down," Vick said yesterday. "I made up my mind. There's going to be times that I can't get the extra yards, that I gotta get down. You know, I get too caught up in the game sometime, but that leads to you being sidelined and not being accountable to your team on Sunday and you not being out there."

Vick said the decision to start sliding was his own, adding that he has to start playing smarter "in the moment." But the folks that protect him, the offensive line, have been begging him to do it.

"It'll make our job easier and hopefully it'll keep him out of the training room," center Jason Kelce said. "I've been running after him this year and seeing him juking people, and I'm screaming, 'Slide,' from 10 yards behind him, and just realized that he just doesn't have that in him. Hopefully, he'll start doing that."

Vick admitted that he hasn't practiced his slide, but it's something he's hoping to figure out in the coming days and weeks.

"I'll slide the best way I can," Vick said. "If I have to go head first or the knee slide."

Quoted

"I'm still going to play the way I want, I'm just going to get down. It's not worth taking the hit for the extra one or two yards unless the first-down marker is right there."
MIKE VICK

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▶ Vick will start Sunday against Miami.

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▶ Kelce

Pocket protector

Mike Vick will wear extra padding this week to protect his injured ribs.

- Vick is a spokesman for Unequal Technologies — the first company to sponsor him after prison — and he'll wear a Kevlar-padded vest designed by them this Sunday under his uniform.
- **"I didn't wear it last time [he got hurt], so I'll wear it this week," Vick said.**

NFL fines Cole for hit on Okung

Trent Cole isn't a dirty player. And he's never been rumored to be a dirty player.

Still, that didn't stop the NFL from fining him $7,500 for his tackle last Thursday night on Russell Okung. The Seattle tackle will miss the rest of the season after Cole flipped him over his back. Seahawks coach Pete Carroll called it a cheap shot.

"They tried to compare me to [Ndamukong] Suh up there," Cole said yesterday. "You all seen what happened. The guy was on my back after the whistle. He was holding me the whole game. If you look at that play he had me hooked."

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Birds earn global Sport Team of the Year honor

Maybe the Eagles are the dream team they thought they were.

Despite a 4-8 record on the field, the Eagles were rewarded with some good news yesterday, when the franchise was named the global Sports Team of the Year by Beyond Sport, an international social change organization.

The award was given for the organization's charitable efforts and for their work in the community addressing social change. The Eagles, who were finalists for the award last year, beat out teams from 130 different countries.

"It's an unbelievable award, to be voted the best team in the world," said Christina Weiss Lurie, the wife of Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie. "This season has been unbelievably frustrating and it makes us want to work even harder to make it right and that's why what we do in the community is just as important. Community investment is just as important as winning a championship."

The Eagles won on the strength of three successful community-based campaigns: Eagles Youth Partnership (eye care), Tackling Breast Cancer and Go Green initiatives.

"The Philadelphia Eagles organization has been a model NFL franchise by doing great things both on and off the field," said NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in a statement.

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▶ Jeremy Maclin at a recent "NFL Play 60" event.

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Sixers don't have much cap room

Team hopes to sign Young, probably not anyone else
Denver in mix for forward Iguodala likely staying

The Sixers have plenty of mascot flexibility. They don't have much player flexibility.

When free agency opens Friday, their No. 1 priority will be retaining restricted free agent Thaddeus Young. That could prove to be more difficult than anticipated. Multiple reports have the Nuggets in talks with Young and possibly preparing an offer.

"Anytime there is money to be spent, you're worried," said the team president, Rod Thorn. "And there are so many teams under the cap and a lot of them substantially."

If Young does receive an offer sheet, the Sixers will have three days to decide if they'll bring back their 23-year-old sixth man by matching it. They'll undertake the same process with fellow RFA Spencer Hawes, but on a smaller scare.

Otherwise, don't expect Thorn to be very active. An Andre Iguodala trade appears unlikely, thanks to his cumbersome salary. An addition of a veteran bruiser like Reggie Evans or Kwame Brown is all that will fit under the cap.

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Young

Season opener

Sixers at Blazers, 10 p.m.

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Choose wisely

Sports talk radio won't let it rest; so if you haven't voted for the Sixers' new mascot yet, get on it.

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Flyers welcome Keystone rivals

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So, for the first time this season, say hello to the hated Penguins, a team that has been a major thorn in the Flyers' side the past few years. Thanks to the NHL's new realignment, you'll be seeing a lot of them in the future.

However, you won't be seeing Sidney Crosby tonight. A hard hit Monday will sideline Crosby, who has scored two goals and 10 assists in his first eight games back from a concussion. With all five of the above-mentioned teams — plus Carolina — placed in one loaded (still unnamed) conference, the Flyers' road to the Stanley Cup figure to be tougher than it already was. As for the current campaign, even without Crosby in the first 20 games, the Pens (16-8-4) hold the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

That means the stakes are higher than usual. Especially for newcomer Max Talbot, who spent his first six years in Pittsburgh.

On TV today

Penguins at Flyers, 7 p.m. (CSN)

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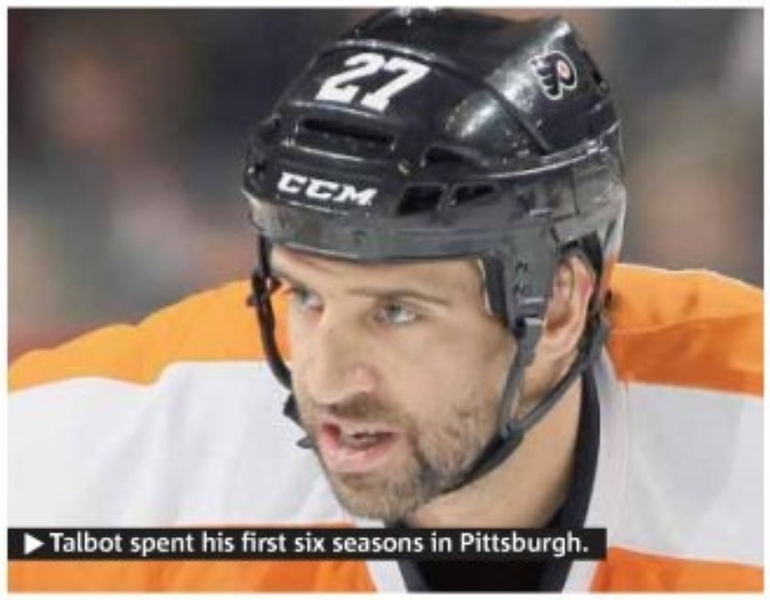

▶ Talbot spent his first six seasons in Pittsburgh.

"I'm obviously excited," said Talbot, the Flyers' top penalty-killer, who has six goals and six assists. "I've been looking at this game since the summer. I'm going to battle as hard as I can because I'm a proud guy. I know every game with them is going to be really intense."

The rematch in Pittsburgh will be Dec. 29, which is the Flyers' final game before the Winter Classic. They'll also host Tampa Bay and the Cup champion Bruins on successive Saturdays, their only other home games this month.

For true Flyers fans, none of those carries the same weight — and self-satisfaction — as beating the Penguins.

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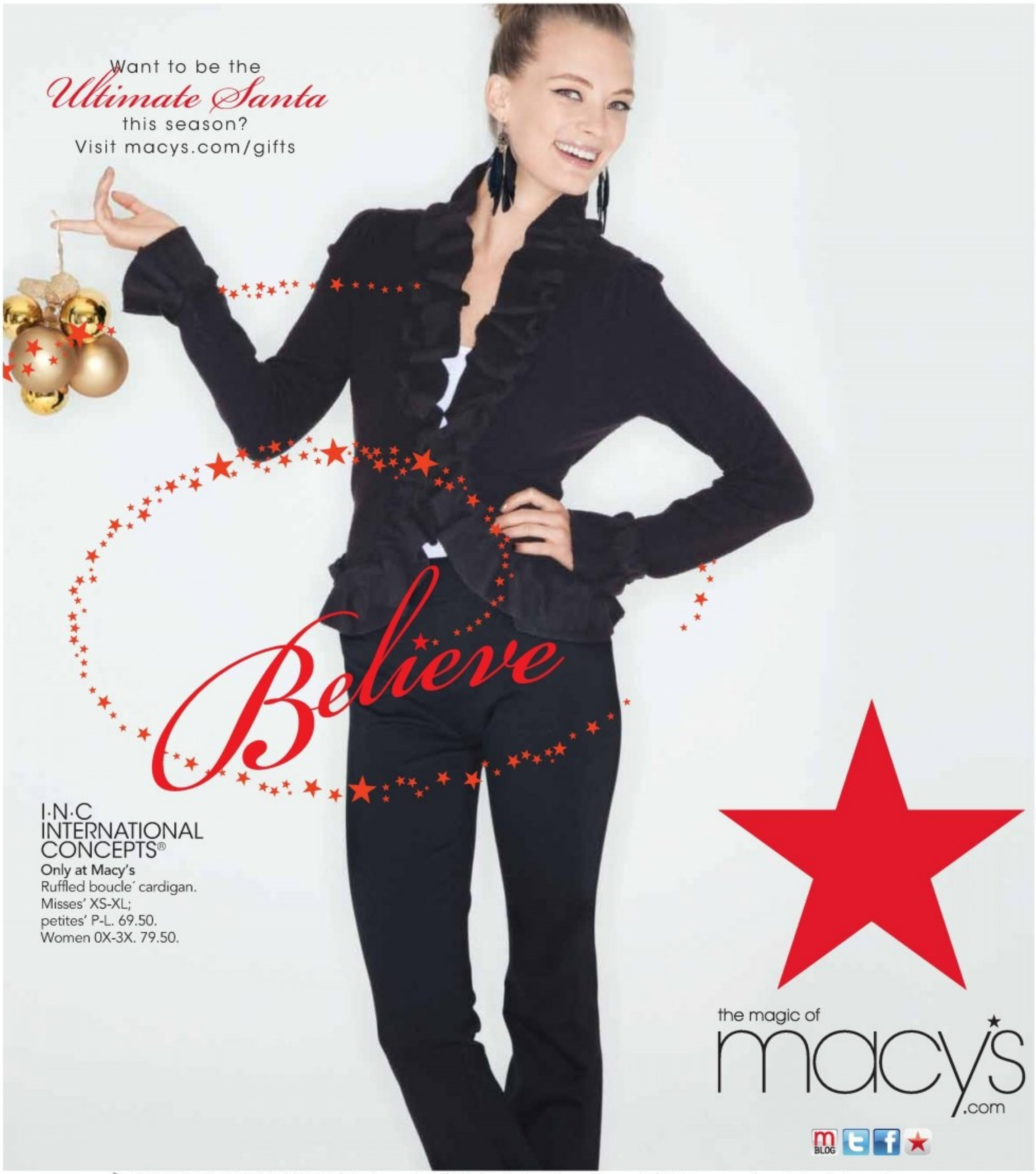

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